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ILLINOIS CENTRAL IS ACCUSED OF HIRING EX-CONVICTS AS SPIES

**Labor Official Says Railroad Pays Men to Join Union
to Spy on Activities—U. S. Industrial Relations
Probe Goes Deeper.**

Working in Chicago factories and railroad shops today are hundreds of spies and spotters hired to join unions and carry cards of membership, according to A. O. Wharton, president of the American Federation of Labor railway department. He testified before the federal industrial relations commission and put into the commission's record photographs of ex-convicts employed as spies in labor unions.

"Here is a picture from the rogues' gallery of the St. Louis police department, of A. E. Strang, who joined the machinists' union in Pittsburgh," said Wharton. "He was a member five years, until during the Illinois rail strike we caught him making

reports to be sent to a postoffice box for use by a detective agency.

"There's a lot of yelling about violence by labor unions. Look at the record of some of the men used against unions. This fellow, Strang, has a ten-year record as a criminal. One of his crimes was throwing a bottle of muriatic acid into the face of a woman. He operated as a confidence man, generally with a woman as his pal. When arrested recently by the St. Louis police he was living with a shoplifter, a woman not his wife, one of the many he has had stealing with him or for him.

"If the life records of the Pinkerton agency, the Thiel agency, private detectives and labor union spies could